

SENATE RESOLUTION 9003

By Akbari

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Emily Greer on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Emily Greer is one such estimable individual, who has served with distinction as an executive leader for ALSAC, the fundraising and awareness organization for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, for the past thirty years and will be taking her much-deserved retirement on December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, currently the Chief Administrative Officer for ALSAC, Ms. Greer has served in a variety of leadership roles, including Senior Vice President of Human Resources and Chief of Staff to ALSAC's President and CEO; and

WHEREAS, in her present position, she is responsible for the oversight of several key initiatives, including diversity, equity, and inclusion; business continuity; security and safety; supply chain; merchandise marketing; information security; and facilities management; and

WHEREAS, during her extensive career, Emily Greer has mentored countless individual employees and community leaders, represented ALSAC on numerous community boards, and built a culture of inclusion within the organization, leading with her heart, compassion, and strength; and

WHEREAS, an active part of her community, she has rendered sterling service as a member of the boards of several Memphis institutions, including Christian Brothers University, the Greater Memphis Chamber of Commerce, the Memphis Medical District Collaborative, the Compass Community Schools, Ronald McDonald House of Memphis, and LeMoyne-Owen College; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Ms. Greer has received a number of prestigious honors in recognition of her leadership and service, including the 25 Influential Black Women in Business Award from *The Network Journal*; the 2017 Workforce Diversity Executive Leadership Award from The National Organization for Workforce Diversity Board of Directors; the Top 25 Women in Business from the *Memphis Business Journal*; and Alumna of the Year Award and 2018 Distinguished Alumna Award from the University of Memphis. She was also named to the Hall of Fame by the Fogelman School of Business and Economics and 50 Women in Excellence by the *Tri State Defender* and awarded an honorary Doctorate of Public Service by Christian Brothers University; and

WHEREAS, she has served with acumen and alacrity as the representative for ALSAC on the Executive Board of Tri Delta, an international women's organization, and was recently named an honorary member of Tri Delta in tribute to her legacy; she is also a proud member of The Links, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Emily Greer is most appreciative of the love and support of her husband, Jarvis; her children, McKenzie and J.J. and their spouses; and her five grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Greer exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Emily Greer has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the sincere respect and admiration of her colleagues and the citizens of the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we extend to Emily Greer our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.